

PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No: 15621.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Byron Merrell et al.)
Serial No.: 10/767,838) Art Unit
Filed: January 29, 2004) 1764
Confirmation No.: 2983)
For: RETORT HEATING APPARATUS)
AND METHODS)
Examiner: Alexis A. Wachtel)

AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action of March 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.